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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56

(also check the following item, if desired)

- In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

- (d) no such applications have been filed.
- (e) such applications have been filed as follows.

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PATENT \$

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Edwards et al.

Docket No.: 9222.16792-CON

Serial No.: 09/911,874

Examiner: M. Peffley

Filed: 24 July 2001

Group Art Unit: 3739

For: GERD Treatment Apparatus and Method

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- 1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

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STATUS

- 2. Applicant is
[x] a small entity
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee (Small Entity)	Additional Fee (Large Entity)
Total Claims 37 CFR 1.16(c)*	82	-82 =	0	x \$ 9.00	\$0	\$0
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)**	4	-2 =	2	x \$ 42.00	\$84	\$168
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent claim(s) if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))				\$140.00	\$0	\$0
Total Additional Fee					\$84	\$168

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(c) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$ 84.00.

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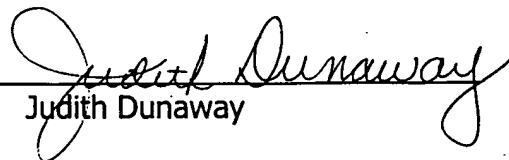


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